

MINUTES

TOWN OF LOUISVILLE **Board of Mayor and Aldermen**

December 09, 2014
7:00 p.m.

Present: Alderman Smith, Alderman Gormley, Mayor Bickers, Vice Mayor Holley, Alderman Pugh

Absent: None

Others Present: Town Attorney Buuck, Accountants Don and Julie Teffeteller and three citizens

Mayor Bickers called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Bickers led the opening prayer.

Mayor Bickers led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag

MOTION by Gormley to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2014 meeting of the BMA. Second by Smith. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor's Report and Approval of Monthly Financial Report:

Financial report for month ending November 30 was reviewed.

As of 11/30/2014 \$1, 803,873.03

MOTION by Holley to accept the November monthly financial report. Second by Smith. **VOTE: UNANIMOUS. MOTION PASSES.**

Mayor Bickers reported on the status of uncompleted items for the Flag Court. There has been an issue with the lighting for the flag poles. Joseph Construction is working with the flagpole manufacturer to resolve these issues. Also, the brick paving around the benches has not been completed and will require a period of dry weather to allow the final finish.

Mayor Bickers communicated information about some recent issues with the State sales tax revenue. As a result of a State computer upgrade, some Louisville businesses were mistakenly

dropped from the tax revenues. Mayor Bickers has met with Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell for assistance in resolving this issue with the State.

Mayor Bickers communicated the status of the Town of Louisville's strategy to increase the per capita state sales tax revenue based on the actual town population growth. Since the most recent annexations, Town population is estimated at over 4000 vs. the much lower population currently used by the State to determine sales tax distribution. Mayor Bickers stated the Town of Louisville will do a special census in 2015 at the Town's cost to establish the correct population. The expected increase in State sales tax revenue will be considerably greater than the cost of a special census.

Mayor Bickers announced that the Town Hall will be closed for regular business during the Christmas holidays December 22 through January 01.

Mayor Bickers communicated his strategy for 2015 regarding town personnel changes. Greater responsibility will be given to Linda Webb for administration of Town employees. Also, the Town will add one full time position for road maintenance. This position will be 8-5 M-F and will reduce the demand for part time employees. Town Hall business hours will increase to 8:30 – 4:30 M-F. Finally, Mayor Bickers is planning to hire a part-time Codes Enforcement Officer.

Mayor Bickers reported on the recent activities of the History Committee. The committee discovered TVA photographs of the Louisville area prior to the rising of Fort Loudoun Lake. Philip Mummert scanned these photographs and has scheduled a review with Louisville residents Barbara Bailey and Robert Smith. They will review each photograph and their comments will be recorded.

Citizens Comments: Bruce Icenhower thanked the Town for repair of a pothole at Hardy Blvd.

Resolutions and Ordinances: None

Other Action Items:

1. BMA representative on the Louisville Planning Commission: Mayor Bickers proposed to reappoint Vice Mayor Holley to serve as the BMA representative to the Planning Commission.

MOTION by Bickers to approve the nomination of Vice Mayor Holley to serve as the BMA representative on the Planning Commission . Second by Gormley. VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
MOTION PASSES.

2. Mayor Bickers proposed that the BMA hold a workshop in January. All members were in agreement and Linda Webb will coordinate scheduling and public notice for the workshop.

Board and Committee Appointments: None

Announcements/Comments from Individual Aldermen: None

MOTION by Gormley to adjourn; Second by Smith, VOTE: UNANIMOUS.
Meeting adjourned at approximately 7:30 p.m.

Mayor

Town Recorder